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For: PROCESS APPARATUS FOR PROMOTING CONVERGENCE OF DISCUSSION AT  
ELECTRONIC CONFERENCE AND METHOD THEREOF

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR §1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

## 1. Enclosures accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement are:

- 1a. ☒ Form PTO-1449.
- 1b. ☒ Copies of IDS citations.
- 1c. ☒ An English language copy of search report(s) from a counterpart foreign application or a PCT International Search Report.
- 1d. ☒ English language translation (complete or relevant portion(s)) attached to each non-English language publication.
- 1e. ☐ Explanations of Relevancy of References (ATTACHMENT 1(e), hereto) for providing a concise explanation of each non-English publication.

- 2. ☒ In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, a concise explanation of what is presently understood to be the relevance of each non-English language publication is

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- 2b. ☐ set forth in the application.

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**SUBMISSION OF CERTIFIED COPY OF PRIOR FOREIGN  
APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF 37 C.F.R. §1.55**

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.55, the applicant(s) submit(s) herewith  
a certified copy of the following foreign application:

Application No. PCT/JP99/01218

Filed: March 12, 1999

It is respectfully requested that the applicant(s) be given the benefit of the foreign filing  
date(s) as evidenced by the certified papers attached hereto, in accordance with the  
requirements of 35 U.S.C. §119.

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